

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

I, David R. Bastow, declare that: (1) my residence, citizenship, and mailing address are indicated below; (2) I have reviewed and understand the contents of my patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein, which is identified as PCT International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US95/02893, filed March 2, 1995, bearing Attorney Docket No. 50561PCT4A; (3) I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor or discoverer of the invention or discovery in

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described and claimed therein and for which a patent is sought; and (4) I hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56*, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except for Great Britain Application No. 9404417.9, filed March 8, 1994 upon which I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119.

I hereby appoint Gary L. Griswold (Reg. No. 25,396), Walter N. Kirn (Reg. No. 21,196), Roger R. Tamte (Reg. No. 21,093), Terryl K. Qualey (Reg. No. 25,148), Warren R. Bovee (Reg. No. 26,434), Carolyn A. Bates (Reg. No. 27,853), Gerald F. Chernivec (Reg. No. 26,537), and William L. Huebsch (Reg. No. 25,990) my attorneys with full powers (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; the mailing address and the telephone number of the above-mentioned attorneys are

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The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the aforesaid specification and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition, on the date indicated below.

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